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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 29, 2021

I hereby appoint the Honorable KATHERINE M. CLARK to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

INFLATION IS A TAX ON EVERYONE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG) for 5 minutes.

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, across my district, Michigan families are having to pay more for gas, for groceries, for cars.

You name it, there is sticker shock everywhere you look. In fact, inflation attacks on everyone increased every month since President Biden took office.

As Americans are struggling to pay for skyrocketing costs of daily neces-

sities, we should be doing something to address these pocketbook challenges. Instead, this week, we are considering another round of massive spending bills that will make matters worse on top of massive spending bills that we have already expended.

Unparalleled and unchecked government spending is not the solution. It is a root cause of rising inflation—and did I mention that is a tax on everyone?

Again, this reckless spending and subsequent inflation are effectively attacks on the American people, their families, their workplaces, and, in fact, their livelihoods. We can't afford to continue down this path. It is hurting too many families and their financial security.

It is time we return to proven economic policies that create jobs, increase wages, and do not prolong an inflationary crisis that—did I mention?—is a tax on everyone.

RECOGNIZING GENOCIDE OF ASSYRIANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. JACKSON LEE). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. HARDER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. HARDER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask if this body cares more about the hurt feelings of a dictator than the legacy of 300,000 innocent men, women, and children murdered in the only place they had ever called home.

In 1914, the Ottoman Empire slaughtered more than 300,000 innocent Assyrians. Yet, 108 years later, this body has still not recognized that slaughter for what it was—a genocide.

Growing up in the Central Valley, I was surrounded by our Assyrian community. I ate handmade dolmas with my Assyrian neighbor, Nana Bitpera, who was like a grandmother to me. She told me about the contributions of the Assyrian community to the modern

world and explained the weight that her people have carried since that brutal massacre in 1914.

Madam Speaker, that is why, today, I am leading a resolution to finally recognize the genocide of the Assyrians in the Middle East. My resolution commemorates August 7, Shova b'tabakh, as Assyrian Genocide Memorial Day. It asserts that Turkey, the inheritor of the Ottoman tradition, must recognize the genocide. It recognizes the resilience of the Assyrian people, who, after they taught the world how to build cities, how to domesticate crops, endured the cruelest kind of event history can provide only to spread out across our globe and keep their traditions alive today.

This body should stand for the right of all people to live freely and in safety, and that starts by recognizing the history and perseverance of the Assyrian people.

Madam Speaker, today, I urge our House leadership to bring this resolution directly to the floor. Anything else is unacceptable.

OBSTRUCTING DHS AT BORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, our Nation is facing a security crisis on our southern border.

As a record number of migrants are apprehended on American soil, we have seen a staggering increase in the amount of fentanyl that is being confiscated not only at ports of entry but also in the desert. So far this year, there have been over 1 million illegal crossings along our southern border.

Right now, liberals in Congress are attempting to obstruct the Department of Homeland Security from working to keep Americans safe. How many Americans have to be poisoned by fentanyl

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